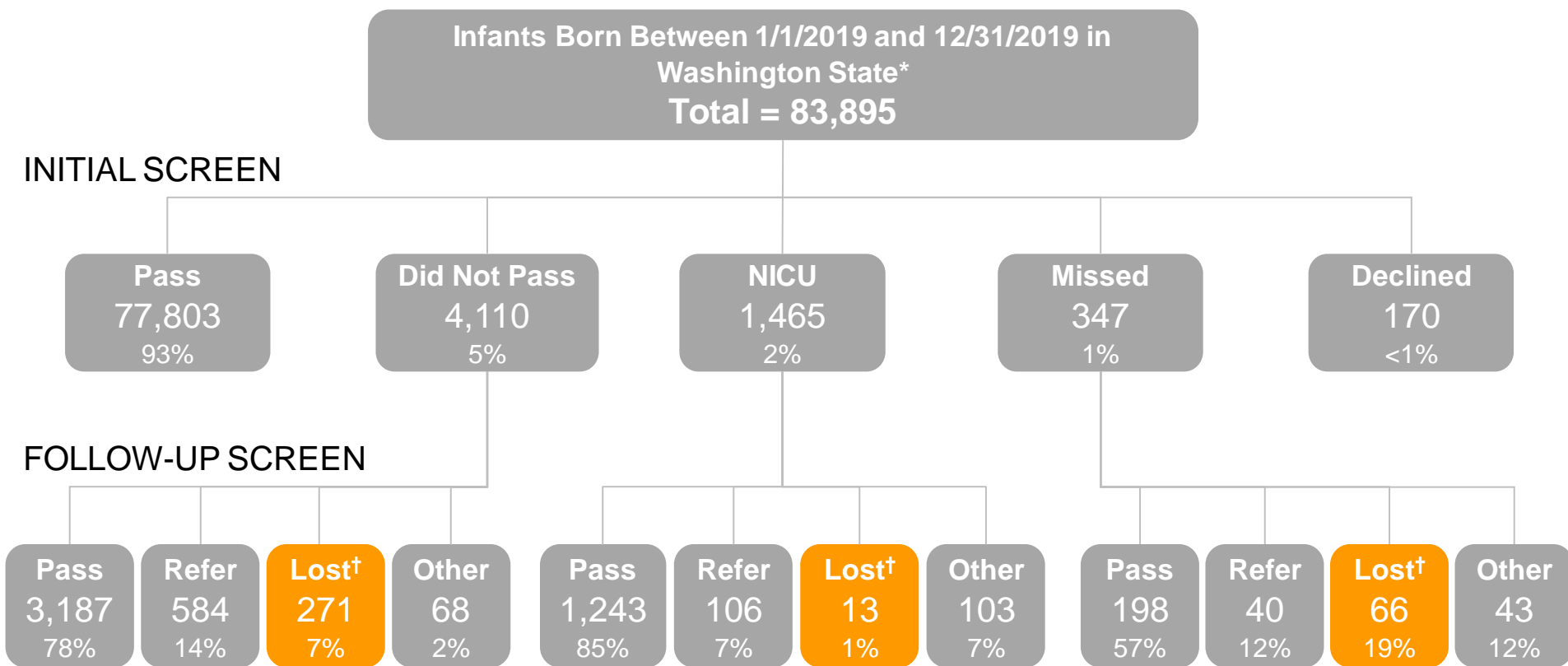


EHDDI Screening Statistics

Goal: Screen all infants for hearing loss by one month of age.

HOW WE'RE DOING: Overall success, with 96% screened by one month of age (over 99% screened overall). HOWEVER, some challenges remain:

- Many infants born out-of-hospital did not get hearing screens.
- 350 infants did not get needed follow-up screens.



* Excludes infants born in Washington State who were born out-of-hospital.

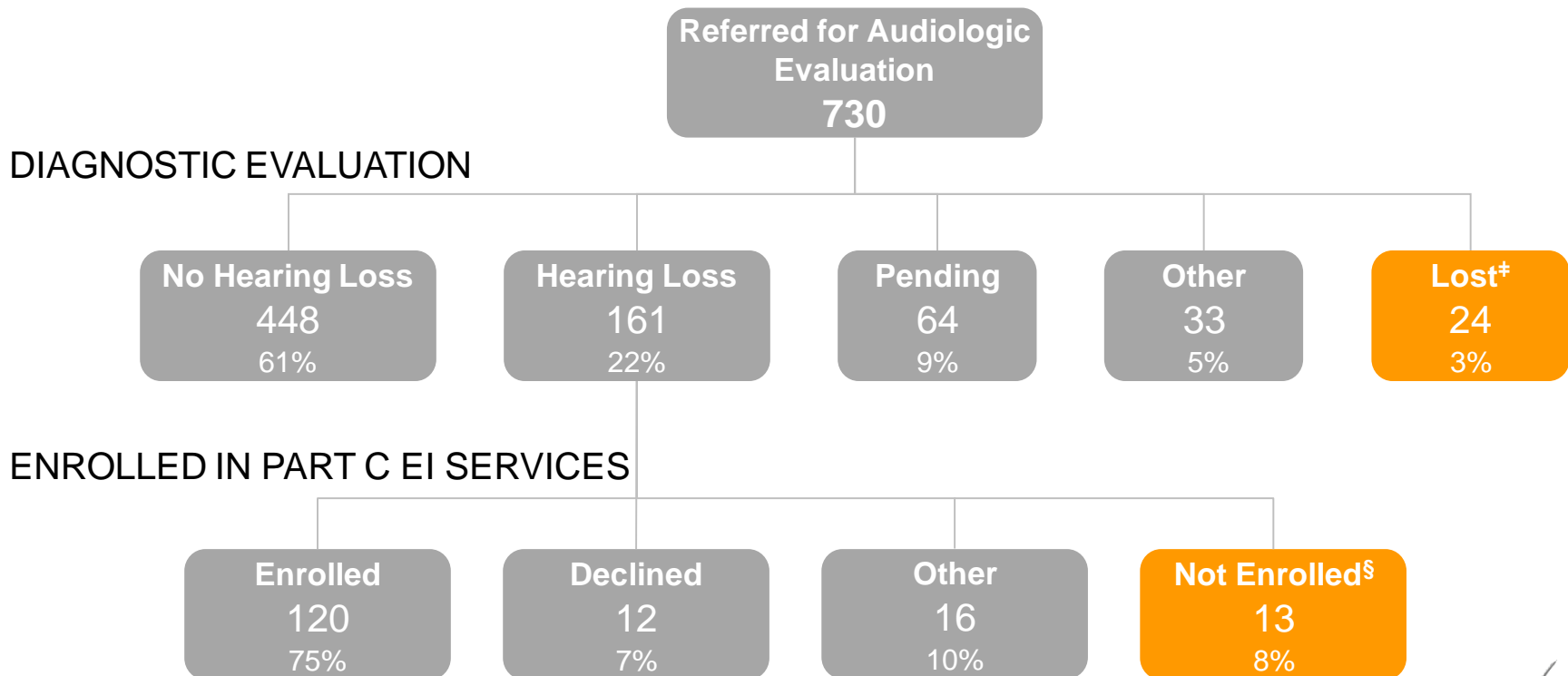
EHDDI Diagnostic and EI Statistics

Goal: Infants with hearing loss are diagnosed by three month of age and receive early intervention (EI) services by six months of age.

HOW WE'RE DOING: 161 infants were identified with hearing loss (2/1000 infants).

HOWEVER, challenges remain:

- Only 68% of infants were identified before three months of age.
- 64 infants are still pending a diagnosis after being referred to audiology.
- 13 infants identified as deaf or hard of hearing are not enrolled in EI



[‡] Infant did not receive a diagnostic evaluation or a conclusive diagnosis was not reported to the EHDDI program

INITIAL SCREEN

The initial newborn hearing screening performed before hospital discharge. Results of this hearing screen are generally reported to the EHDDI program on the pink hearing screen card associated with the Newborn Screening blood spot card.

FOLLOW-UP SCREEN

The hearing screening results reported after an initial missed, delayed (infants who are in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) for an extended time), or not passing hearing screen. These results are generally reported to the EHDDI program on blue rescreen cards. Initial and follow-up newborn hearing screens should be done before one month of age. Infants who do not pass their initial and follow-up hearing screening should be referred to a pediatric audiologist for a diagnostic evaluation.

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

The diagnostic evaluation results. Infants who do not pass newborn hearing screening(s) should have an audiologic evaluation no later than three months of age. According to national estimates, 1-3 of every 1000 infants are born deaf or hard of hearing.

Hearing Loss category includes unilateral and bilateral hearing losses of:

- Slight, mild, moderate, severe, or profound degree
- Sensorineural, conductive-permanent, mixed, neural, or unspecified type

No Hearing Loss category includes infants who have no hearing loss or a fluctuating conductive loss

ENROLLED IN PART C EI SERVICES

The Part C Early Intervention (EI) enrollment status. Infants who are deaf or hard of hearing should be enrolled in EI services by six months of age. The EHDDI program obtains EI services information through its electronic linkage and follow-up with Washington State's Part C program, the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) program.

DEFINITION OF 'OTHER' CATEGORY

Other category includes infants:

- Whose parents declined further screening or diagnostic testing.
- Who are deceased.
- Whose case is still pending in the EHDDI system because we are waiting for pending hearing screening results.
- Who were unable to receive testing due to medical reasons.
- Who are non-residents or moved out-of-state.
- Who were not eligible for Part C services.